SENATE BILL 2990

By Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6, relative to workers' compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-118, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (d):

(d) In cases where an employer is subject to a penalty under this section and the employer has paid all medical expenses and otherwise afforded any injured worker of the employer the full benefits and compensation available to the worker under this chapter, then the commissioner is authorized, in the commissioner's sole discretion, to reduce or waive fines arising out of an employer's failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter under subdivision (a)(1).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.